

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CPRS, EFIN, SY, US  
SUBJ: US PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CLAIMS: MENHALL DOCUMENTATION

REFERENCE; (A) STATE 100905, (B) STATE 166810.

1. POST HAS OBTAINED ARABIC  
COPY OF ITEMS (A) THROUGH (H)  
PARA 1 REFTEL (A) AND HAD HOPED TO MAKE TRANSLATIONS UTILIZING  
OWN RESOURCES. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS NOT POSSIBLE. CAN  
DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE DOLLARS 250 FOR PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATION  
OR WOULD IT PREFER RECEIVE ARABIC COPY ONLY

2. POST HAS BEEN UNABLE LOCATE FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING  
SYRIAN OIL CONCESSION POLICY CONTEMPORARY WITH MENHALL  
CONCESSIONS. FOR NEW SYRIAN CONCESSION POLICY, AND - NAHAR  
ARAB REPORT AND MEMO, PUBLISHED IN SWITZERLAND JULY 11, 1977,  
CONTAINS SUBSTANTIAL DETAIL CONCESSION OFFERED SYRIAN  
AMERICAN OIL COMPANY (SAMACO). WILL POUCH COPY.

3. MENHALL ATTORNEY KOUATLY INFORMED ECONOFF THAT SYRIAN  
GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED RIGHT OF COMPENSATION FOR CANCELLATION  
OF PROSPECTING PERMITS BUT, ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE,  
COMPENSATION FOR SEIZURE OF EQUIPMENT. (UNFORTUNATELY,  
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GOVERNMENT ALSO SEIZED MENHALL'S RECORDS BUT WILL  
ENTERTAIN NO CLAIM UNTIL ITEMIZED LIST OF SEIZED  
EQUIPMENT PRODUCED BY MENHALL COMPANY, ATTORNEY HAD  
OBTAINED LIST OF EQUIPMENT FROM SHIPPING AGENT BUT  
CUSTOMS HAS REFUSED SO FAR PRODUCE OFFICIAL SHIPPING  
LIST. ATTORNEY NOW SEEKING COURT ORDER FOR SHIPPING

LIST WITH NEXT SESSION SCHEDULED JULY 21.) DOES  
DEPARTMENT WANT COURT ORDER AFFIRMING SOVEREIGN RIGHT  
SYRIAN GOVERNMENT REFUSE CLAIMS BY PRIVATE CITIZENS  
GO GOVERNMENT STATEMENT TO COURT REJECTING PRINCIPLE  
OF COMPENSATION FOR BENEFITS GOVERNMENT GAINED FROM  
MENHALL EXPLORATION LOST TO MENHALL THROUGH CANCELLATION  
OF PROSPECTING PERMITS?  
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